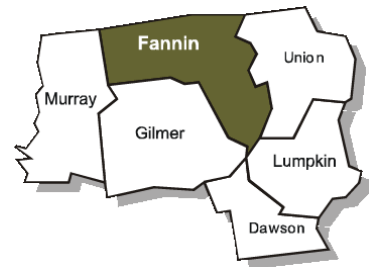




Area Labor Profile

Fannin

County



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Labor Force Activity - 2015

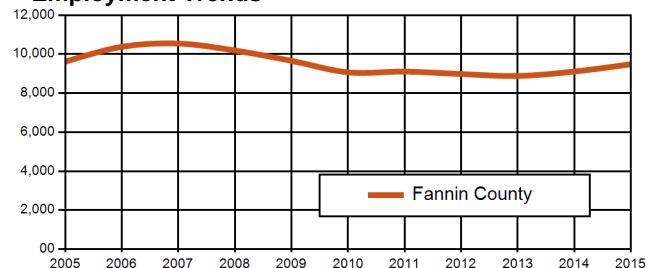
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Fannin	10,094	9,484	610	6.0%
Dawson	10,918	10,376	542	5.0%
Gilmer	11,694	11,010	684	5.8%
Lumpkin	15,170	14,360	810	5.3%
Murray	15,810	14,639	1,171	7.4%
Union	9,786	9,278	508	5.2%
Fannin Area	73,472	69,147	4,325	5.9%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
Cherokee, NC	11,170	10,445	725	6.5%
Polk, TN	7,330	6,840	500	6.7%

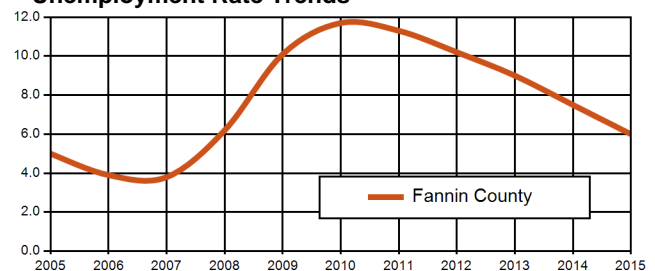
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

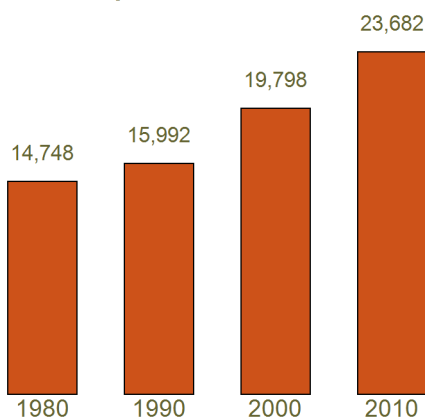
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Fannin	23,682	157	24,303	2.6	24,425	3.1
City of Blue Ridge	1,290					
Fannin Area	207,133		214,206	3.4	229,486	10.8
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2
Cherokee, NC	26,250		27,178	3.5	32,693	24.5
Polk, TN	15,629		16,773	7.3	14,686	-6.0

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

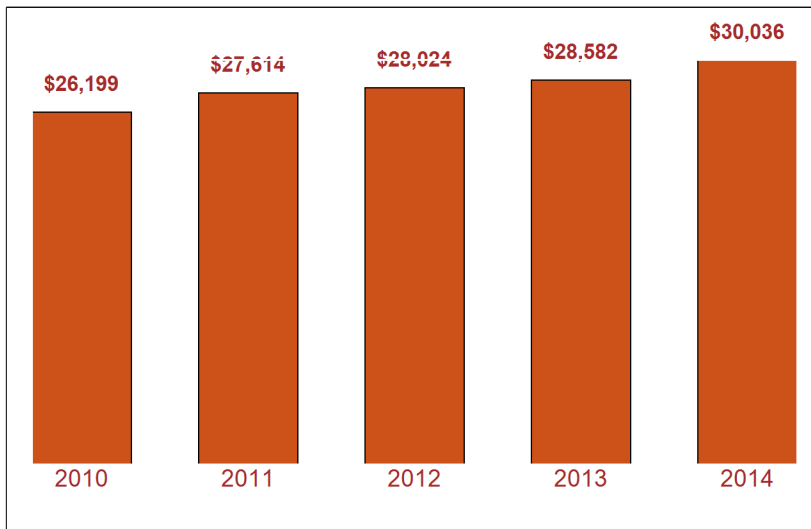
INDUSTRY	Fannin				Fannin Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	95	761	12.1	585	650	10,131	22.3	720
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1	*	*	*	29	371	0.8	528
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	10	185	0.4	1,132
Construction	67	266	4.2	725	397	1,314	2.9	732
Manufacturing	27	368	5.8	560	214	8,260	18.2	718
Food	2	*	*	*	11	1,322	2.9	546
Beverage and Tobacco Product	3	16	0.3	425	11	97	0.2	475
Textile Product Mills	3	*	*	*	41	3,428	7.6	747
Wood Product	3	20	0.3	371	19	406	0.9	516
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	16	418	0.9	834
Chemical	1	*	*	*	11	176	0.4	952
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	7	139	0.3	886
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	2	*	*	*	11	72	0.2	681
Fabricated Metal Product	2	*	*	*	23	707	1.6	899
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	6	237	0.5	581
Transportation Equipment	3	*	*	*	8	110	0.2	555
Furniture and Related Product	2	*	*	*	14	76	0.2	638
Miscellaneous	2	*	*	*	17	116	0.3	496
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	0.0	1,076
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	4	546	1.2	712
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	7	205	0.5	852
Service-Providing	491	4,514	71.6	541	2,758	26,426	58.2	527
Utilities	1	*	*	*	12	*	*	*
Wholesale Trade	33	264	4.2	655	156	1,085	2.4	802
Retail Trade	111	1,149	18.2	462	616	8,166	18.0	450
Transportation and Warehousing	20	153	2.4	424	95	763	1.7	710
Information	5	22	0.3	853	29	278	0.6	901
Finance and Insurance	34	150	2.4	740	172	855	1.9	885
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	34	105	1.7	568	146	372	0.8	600
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	52	214	3.4	679	271	957	2.1	765
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	11	574	1.3	955
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	24	200	3.2	480	139	1,267	2.8	576
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	29	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	53	977	15.5	778	340	3,943	8.7	724
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10	54	0.9	564	41	339	0.7	382
Accommodation and Food Services	71	1,000	15.9	287	343	5,960	13.1	286
Other Services (except Public Administration)	38	159	2.5	502	212	809	1.8	512
Unclassified - industry not assigned	31	52	0.8	421	146	201	0.4	561
Total - Private Sector	617	5,327	84.4	546	3,408	36,557	80.6	581
Total - Government	30	981	15.6	652	185	8,822	19.4	658
Federal Government	7	47	0.7	901	35	386	0.9	982
State Government	11	69	1.1	754	73	1,792	3.9	734
Local Government	12	865	13.7	630	77	6,644	14.6	619
ALL INDUSTRIES	647	6,308	100.0	562	3,593	45,379	100.0	596
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					298,099	4,257,675		930

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

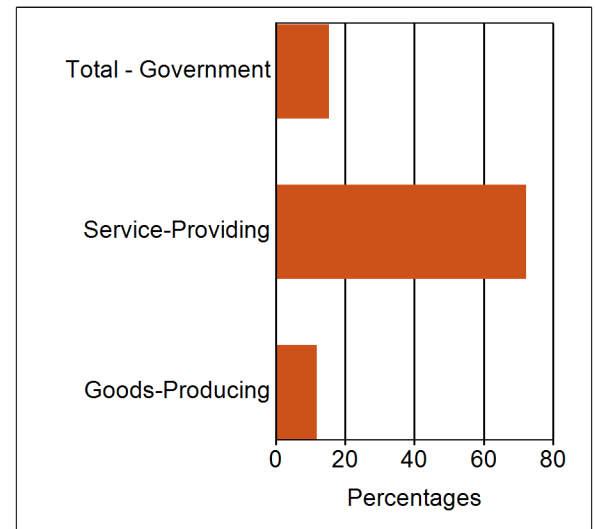
Fannin Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Fannin Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Fannin

Blue Ridge Manufacturing, LLC
 Blue Ridge Scenic Excursions, Inc.
 Fannin Regional Hospital
 Georgia Mountains Health Services Incorporated
 Heritage Healthcare of Blue Ridge
 Mason Tractor & Equipment, Inc.
 Mercier Orchards, Inc.
 The Home Depot
 Walmart
 Whitepath Fab Tech, Inc.

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Fannin Area

Gold Creek Foods, LLC
 Gold Creek Processing, LLC
 Gold Kist Inc.
 Mohawk Carpet Distribution LP
 Mountain Education Center, Inc.
 Murray Fabrics Plant
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
 Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc.
 United Community Bank
 University of North Georgia

COUNTY

Dawson
 Dawson
 Gilmer
 Murray
 Union
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 Lumpkin

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Fannin

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fannin, GA	5,916	64.0
Gilmer, GA	1,060	11.5
Union, GA	513	5.5
Polk, TN	323	3.5
Cherokee, NC	303	3.3
Cherokee, GA	161	1.7
Pickens, GA	149	1.6
Fulton, GA	141	1.5
Other	681	7.4
Total Residents:	9,247	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Fannin

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fannin, GA	5,916	76.0
Union, GA	521	6.7
Gilmer, GA	465	6.0
Polk, TN	307	3.9
Cherokee, NC	173	2.2
Graham, NC	45	0.6
Pickens, GA	43	0.6
Cherokee, GA	39	0.5
Other	278	3.6
Total Residents:	7,787	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Fannin Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	8.2%	2.5%	4.0%	8.0%	6.5%	18.0%
Some High School	14.9%	20.6%	16.3%	15.3%	13.4%	13.2%
High School Grad/GED	36.3%	33.2%	38.2%	38.3%	38.1%	31.3%
Some College	21.6%	37.1%	24.0%	18.4%	19.8%	16.7%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.2%	2.8%	5.3%	5.7%	6.1%	4.3%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.9%	3.9%	9.2%	10.3%	9.9%	8.7%
Post Graduate Studies	5.0%	0.0%	3.1%	4.1%	6.1%	7.8%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Dawson	252	--	252
Fannin	180	--	180
Gilmer	256	--	256
Lumpkin	218	--	218
Murray	433	--	433
Union	180	--	180
Fannin Area	1,519	--	1,519



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Fannin Area

Dawson

Southern Catholic College	http://www.southerncatholic.org/
Dawson Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	www.laniertech.edu
Southern Catholic College	www.southerncatholic.org

Union

Blairsville Campus (Satellite campus of North Georgia Technical College)	www.northgatech.edu
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Lumpkin

University of North Georgia	www.northgeorgia.edu
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	643	468	928	-27.2	98.3

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General°	270	196	330	-27.4	68.4
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	16	21	43	31.3	104.8
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	12	19	42	58.3	121.1
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	13	12	10	-7.7	-16.7
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	218	186	235	-14.7	26.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	113	85	162	-24.8	90.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	693	664	1,223	-4.2	84.2
Business Administration and Management, General°	210	267	1,039	27.1	289.1
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	7	12	32	71.4	166.7
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	24	31	57	29.2	83.9
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	11	9	6	-18.2	-33.3
Child Care and Support Services Management°	23	15	19	-34.8	26.7
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	304	365	728	20.1	99.5
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	16	17	13	6.3	-23.5
Commercial Photography°	16	13	33	-18.8	153.8
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	50	34	181	-32.0	432.4
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	47	69	184	46.8	166.7
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	35	26	96	-25.7	269.2
Construction Management°	9	3	6	-66.7	100.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	395	382	663	-3.3	73.6
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	35	30	23	-14.3	-23.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	260	186	362	-28.5	94.6
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	57	40	61	-29.8	52.5
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	16	21	40	31.3	90.5
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	108	66	218	-38.9	230.3
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	130	145	191	11.5	31.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	45	45	80	0.0	77.8
Design and Visual Communications, General°	40	38	99	-5.0	160.5
Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer and Ultrasound Technician	21	15	15	-28.6	0.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	53	54	103	1.9	90.7
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	143	140	248	-2.1	77.1
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	12	10	16	-16.7	60.0
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	33	12	30	-63.6	150.0
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	43	41	81	-4.7	97.6
Electrician°	50	61	116	22.0	90.2
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	188	194	457	3.2	135.6

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	4	1	12	-75.0	1100.0
Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other	10	5	10	-50.0	100.0
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	13	7	15	-46.2	114.3
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	37	41	49	10.8	19.5
Fire Services Administration	16	11	24	-31.3	118.2
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	50	61	120	22.0	96.7
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	25	19	85	-24.0	347.4
Golf Course Operation and Grounds Management°	7	8	15	14.3	87.5
Graphic Design°	2	4	1	100.0	-75.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	32	40	116	25.0	190.0
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	94	124	360	31.9	190.3
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology°	246	200	510	-18.7	155.0
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	17	42	196	147.1	366.7
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	273	313	598	14.7	91.1
Instrumentation Technology/Technician°	18	13	34	-27.8	161.5
Interior Design°	12	17	213	41.7	1152.9
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	226	183	351	-19.0	91.8
Lineworker°	45	52	45	15.6	-13.5
Logistics and Materials Management°	2	5	22	150.0	340.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	94	105	165	11.7	57.1
Marine Maintenance/Fitter and Ship Repair Technology/Technician	10	4	9	-60.0	125.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	50	34	46	-32.0	35.3
Massage Therapy/Therapeutic Massage°	9	9	9	0.0	0.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other°	8	2	15	-75.0	650.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	40	24	55	-40.0	129.2
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	121	79	148	-34.7	87.3
Medical Office Management/Administration	8	5	19	-37.5	280.0
Medical Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiation Therapist	6	8	8	33.3	0.0
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	2	1	1	-50.0	0.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	216	202	370	-6.5	83.2
Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Technology/Technician°	20	12	47	-40.0	291.7
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	100	111	249	11.0	124.3
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	159	173	259	8.8	49.7
Occupational Therapist Assistant	19	19	16	0.0	-15.8
Operations Management and Supervision°	3	7	25	133.3	257.1
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	56	40	60	-28.6	50.0
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	34	43	58	26.5	34.9

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	13	16	17	23.1	6.3
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	100	61	568	-39.0	831.1
Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology/Technician°	19	21	24	10.5	14.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	53	53	43	0.0	-18.9
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	46	50	57	8.7	14.0
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	13	9	14	-30.8	55.6
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	15	11	11	-26.7	0.0
Retailing and Retail Operations°	3	1	7	-66.7	600.0
Social Work, Other°	19	33	41	73.7	24.2
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	54	54	79	0.0	46.3
Teacher Assistant/Aide°	4	9	25	125.0	177.8
Tool and Die Technology/Technician°	8	5	7	-37.5	40.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	105	141	306	34.3	117.0
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	18	28	35	55.6	25.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	304	357	958	17.4	168.3

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Dawson	319	56	31	63	38	8	14	2	31	31	30	15
Fannin	935	121	64	210	62	7	19	0	85	64	202	101
Gilmer	1,316	213	129	166	10	0	154	45	85	56	279	179
Lumpkin	264	42	0	31	21	0	9	2	47	45	43	24
Murray	537	59	112	77	10	27	37	7	32	17	91	68
Union	532	153	30	58	31	10	28	8	5	34	98	77
Subtotal Area	3,903	644	366	605	172	52	261	64	285	247	743	464

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Dawson	1,056	1	45	6	15	267	343	1	30	83	139	126
Fannin	4,001	28	265	123	68	599	1,100	22	192	296	560	748
Gilmer	3,541	86	184	105	52	371	1,141	37	149	169	615	632
Lumpkin	1,042	4	41	27	47	205	211	8	82	87	170	160
Murray	4,275	58	68	35	105	372	1,365	24	57	317	1,031	843
Union	2,370	34	124	43	24	305	824	0	154	132	314	416
Subtotal Area	16,285	211	727	339	311	2,119	4,984	92	664	1,084	2,829	2,925

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

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Blue Ridge GA 30513

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